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**COPY**REPLY TO:  
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June 26, 2001

Mr. Chris Hubbell  
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10190 Munro Road  
Williamsburg, Michigan 48690



Dear Mr. Hubbell:

**SUBJECT: Letter of Warning**  
**Williamsburg Receiving and Storage**

On June 19, 2001, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff conducted an inspection of Williamsburg Receiving and Storage to respond to complaints that the facility is the source of nuisance odors. As a result of the inspection, DEQ staff has determined that the facility is in violation of the Part 31, Water Resources Protection of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).

Specifically, staff found that the following requirements were not being met:

1. **Part 22 rules promulgated under Part 31 of the NREPA R. 2204(2) states, "To be authorized under this part, a person shall comply with the following discharge requirements unless otherwise specifically provided... (b) The discharge shall not cause runoff to, ponding on, or flooding of adjacent property, shall not cause erosion, and shall not cause nuisance conditions." Nuisance conditions means "conditions that cause a substantial unreasonable interference with another person's use or enjoyment of the person's property, including but not limited to, interference caused by any of the following: (i) Odors." Residents living in the vicinity of the facility have complained about their inability to spend time out of doors, or to open windows in their homes for ventilation, due to odors.**

At the time of the inspection, staff could detect strong odors near the lagoon when the air was still. The inspection was conducted on a sunny, windy day that normally would not encourage the generation of odors. You indicated that in the future you plan to modify the water collection and disposal system so that water would not stand in the

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lagoon for a length of time. In addition, you said that you were looking into aeration and the addition of hydrogen peroxide to reduce odor problems.

After the inspection, additional complaints have come to DEQ staff regarding continued offensive odors. To demonstrate compliance, you must respond to this letter by July 31, 2001, with documentation regarding actions taken to correct the above noted violations. We will evaluate your response, determine the facility's compliance status, and notify you of the findings.

This letter does not preclude nor limit the DEQ's ability to initiate any other enforcement action, under state or federal law, as deemed appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Rick Ruzs, DEQ, WMD, Enforcement Section  
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